

Minutes of the sixteenth Management Board Meeting of the NERIS Platform

**June 12, 2015
13.30 to 15.30 am by Conference Call**

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Thierry Schneider – CEPN (France)
Wolfgang Raskob – KIT (Germany)

Secretariat:

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Excused:

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Florian Gering – BfS (Germany)
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1. Introduction

Thierry Schneider, chair of the NERIS Platform, opens the sixteenth NERIS Management Board, organised as conference call, and welcomes all the participants.

2. Minutes of the Fifteenth NERIS Management Board meeting – Review of the List of Actions

OPERRA Workshops on emergency and remediation

- ⇒ Inform the Management Board on the expert meeting organised by IAEA in February 2015 (**F. Gering - closed**)

Second OPERRA Call

- ⇒ Diffuse to other Platforms the list of NERIS supporting organisations interested for the 2nd OPERRA Call (**T. Schneider - closed**)

Organisation of the NERIS Workshop in Milano

- ⇒ Send the second announcement with the Programme (**Secretariat - closed**)
- ⇒ Send notification of acceptance to all lecturers (**Secretariat - closed**)
- ⇒ Inform on the call for poster (**Secretariat - closed**)

Organisation of the NERIS General Assembly in Milano

- ⇒ Send the Agenda to all NERIS members (**Secretariat - closed**)
- ⇒ Diffuse the financial results for 2014 and the budget for 2015 before the GA (**T. Schneider & W. Raskob – closed**)
- ⇒ Provide information on NTW for possible cooperation (**G. Hériard Dubreuil - closed**)

CONCERT EJP

- ⇒ Organise a Management Board meeting at the occasion of the NERIS 2015 workshop in Milano to discuss the involvement of the NERIS Platform in the CONCERT EJP (**Secretariat - closed**)
- ⇒ Clarify the rules for funding from national budget for non-CONCERT partners (**T. Schneider - closed**)

PREPARE Dissemination Workshop in Bratislava

- ⇒ Provide information on the PREPARE Dissemination Workshop organised in Bratislava in January 2016 (**T. Duranova - closed**)

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- ⇒ Identify and send a list of articles (**Secretariat – on going**)

3. Feedback on the NERIS Workshop 2015

3.1. General organization and presentations

All participants explain that the NERIS Workshop 2015 organised in Milano on April 27-29 was very positive and fruitful. The organization and the structure of the Workshop were adapted and constructive with presentations organised into thematic sessions related to the NERIS SRA. The workshop offered a very good overview on the state-of-the-art and challenges in emergency response and recovery being of great importance for reviewing the NERIS SRA and priority setting in context of the CONCERT project

Wolfgang Raskob mentions that it was very positive to open the Workshop to other Platforms which made presentation on their activities, on feedback for more cooperation and common possible researches.

Thierry Schneider explains that indeed it is a priority for the NERIS Platform to develop cooperation with other Platforms.

3.2. Results of the R&D Committee meeting on May and preparation of publication

Thierry Schneider explains that the NERIS R&D Committee meeting was organised as a conference call on May 18, 2015. The proceedings of the workshop will be published as a NERIS report (electronically distributed and available on the NERIS website) with an ISBN reference. The authors will be invited to submit a revised/extended paper by end of June.

The papers will be reviewed (not a scientific peer review, only to check if clarifications to the paper are required) by:

- Session 1&2: Kasper & Milagros
- Session 3&4: Antony & Johan
- Session 5&6: Pascal, Sylvie and Catrinel

The papers are expected to be reviewed by mid-September.

A common paper will be prepared by the R&D committee for publication in JRP &/or Radioprotection as a summary/memorandum of the NERIS workshop. This paper will remind the SRA and the process of preparation and the workshop in general and then will present the summary and main key issues for each of the 7 topics of the SRA. The first draft will be prepared by the rapporteurs of the workshop. A draft version of the paper is expected for beginning of September. This draft will be sent to the NERIS Management Board in order to gather comments and proposals.

In addition, it was asked to the rapporteurs to prepare a brief summary for the next NERIS Newsletter.

4. Review of the PREPARE Project

Announcements for the Training Course on “Analytic Platform”, which will be organised on October 7-9, 2015 and the Training Course on “Late Phase”, which will be held in Gomel on September 21-25, 2015 will be sent to the NERIS Members.

The PREPARE Dissemination Workshop will be organised in Bratislava on January 20-22, 2016. Announcement and Programme will be finalised at the end of June in order to send information to the NERIS Members and other Platforms.

Discussions about the organisation of the next NERIS General Assembly were conducted. It was proposed to organise the Seventh General Assembly either at the occasion of the PREPARE Workshop on January 19, 2016 or in Madrid at the occasion of the RUG meeting. Information will be given during summer.

5. Review of activities related to OPERRA Project

Thierry Schneider explains that the selection for the Second OPERRA Call has been made. A summary on the results of the 2nd OPERRA Call will be prepared in the following months.

Thierry Schneider also mentions that discussions are on going to set up a Working Group (WG) dedicated to selection of topics. Experts are encouraged to join the WG to select topics for the Project.

Furthermore, an OPERRA Task 2.5 websites and data management meeting was organised during the NERIS Workshop in Milano. It was proposed to set up a common European Radiation Protection Research Portal to serve the radiation protection research community, but bearing in mind the differences between the platforms.

6. Preparation of the Kick Off meeting of CONCERT EJP

Florian Gering will represent NERIS at the CONCERT Kick-off meeting on 17-18 June 2015 in Germany. Tatiana Duranova and Wolfgang Raskob will also attend the meeting.

Within WP2 of CONCERT a dedicated task is foreseen for updating the NERIS SRA and identifying priorities. NERIS has the freedom to organize this task, but will have to provide inputs to WP3 and CONCERT management board in agreement with the schedule of the CONCERT project. These deadlines will be clarified at the CONCERT kick-off meeting.

Duration of CONCERT project: 5 years (1st call for proposals: 2016, second call: 2017).

In autumn, we should have a clear idea of the NERIS SRA update and list of priorities to guarantee input during the CONCERT panel expert meeting (9-11 November) preparing the 1st call for proposals.

Thierry Schneider proposes to organise the R&D Committee meeting on October 15, 2015 and the Management Board meeting on October 16, 2015 in order to:

- discuss about how to interact with the WP2 and WP3;
- identify the list of priorities;
- organise the consultation.

7. Preparation of the NERIS session for the MELODI Workshop

The MELODI Workshop will be organised on November 9-11, 2015 in Munich. A specific session will be dedicated with MELODI and ALLIANCE on distribution of iodine tablets and thyroid. Jean-René Jourdain will give a presentation on pharmaceutical aspects about distribution of iodine tablets. Florian Gering will present modeling issues and Christophe Murith will present the activities in Switzerland and Germany.

8. Preparation of the next NERIS Workshop (Oxford 2016)

Thierry Schneider reminds that the NERIS Platform has accepted to participate to the Research week with other European Platforms scheduled in Oxford in September 2016. Following discussions with Thomas Jung, it was proposed to organise a common session on topics of interest with other Platforms.

9. Newsletter and NERIS Website

Sandra Lafage will send a proposal for the next Newsletter in order to publish it on Autumn.

10. Any other business

10.1. Link with NUGENIA

It is proposed to ask to NUGENIA to send us their SRA in order to better understand their objectives and interests. A reminder will be sent to François Brechignac.

10.2. Link with ISPRA

Cooperation with ISPRA is under discussion with a proposal of Memorandum of Understanding. Thierry Schneider will send an email to ISPRA in order to know about their internal discussions.

10.3. Link with ICRP

Thierry Schneider will discuss with Dr Michiaki Kai, chair of the ICRP Task Group 93 on “Update of ICRP Publication 109 and 111” at the occasion of the ICRP Symposium in October 2015 in order to know how to interact with the WG1 of the NERIS Platform and how to interact in the framework of the ICRP Publication.

10.4. Other issues

Gilles Hériard-Dubreuil mentions that a round table will be organised with the European Commission DG NR during the meeting organised on June 29-30, 2015. There is the possibility to be involved into the Programme Committee late 2015 – beginning 2016. A specific session will be dedicated to emergency and preparedness so it will be an opportunity to bring some elements. Gilles Hériard-Dubreuil will give feedback from this meeting.

Thierry Schneider reminds the Call for abstract for the 14th IRPA Congress which will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa between 9 – 13 May 2016. The deadline for the submission of abstract is September 20, 2015.

11. List of actions

NERIS Workshop 2015

- ⇒ Send proposals and comments on the draft version paper (**MB**)

PREPARE Training Course

- ⇒ Send the announcements of the Training Course on “Late Phase” and the Training Course on “Analytical Platform” (**MB**)

CONCERT EJP

- ⇒ Provide information about the Kick-Off meeting of the CONCERT EJP (**F. Gering**)
- ⇒ Organise a meeting mid-September with the R&D Committee to discuss about how to interact with WP2 and WP3

NERIS Strategic Research Agenda

- ⇒ Organise the consultation on the NERIS SRA (**MB**)

OPERRA Project

- ⇒ Send information about the results of the 2nd OPERRA Call (**T. Schneider**)

PREPARE Dissemination Workshop in Bratislava

- ⇒ Send the second announcement of the PREPARE Dissemination Workshop organised in Bratislava in January 2016 (**T. Duranova**)

European Commission DG NR meeting, June 29-30, 2015

- ⇒ Send information about the meeting (**G. Hériard Dubreuil**)

Cooperation with other Platforms

- ⇒ Send an email to NUGENIA about their SRA (**T. Schneider**)
- ⇒ Send an email to ISPRA about the proposal of MoU (**T. Schneider**)

NERIS Workshop in Oxford in 2016

- ⇒ Prepare a proposal to organise a common session on topics of interest with other European Research Platform during the Research week in Oxford in 2016 (**MB**)

10th Newsletter

- ⇒ Identify and send a list of articles (**Secretariat**)